

HILITES



God is *Faithful*

SUMMER 2025



CALENDAR

Please refer to the 2025-26 Events School Calendar on our website for more information.
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AUGUST

- 20 First Day of School
- 24 Night of Worship – Amphitheater @ 6:30 PM
- 24 Open House Tour – *Faithfully Forward* Addition @ 7:30 PM
- 26 Parent Back to School Night @ 7:00 PM

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Fine Arts Boosters Tailgate and Pep Rally @ 5:00 PM
- 9 Women's Golf Outing – Stonewater Country Club
- 12 South Christian Homecoming Community Tailgate @ 5:00 PM
- 20 Sports Boosters' Sporting Clay Shoot
- 27 Victory Day @ 3:00 PM

OCTOBER

- 19 All Choirs Concert @ 7:00 PM
- 20 Orchestra Concert (SCHS & BCCS) @ 7:00 PM

NOVEMBER

- 6-8 Fall Drama *Peter Pan & Wendy*
- 11 Veterans Day Special Assembly
- 17 Blood Drive

DECEMBER

- 1 Explore South Christian @ 7:00 PM
- 10 All Choirs Concert @ 7:00 PM
- 14 Band/Orchestra Concert @ 7:00 PM

On the Cover: Seniors in Christian Doctrine getting ready to practice meditating on Scripture.

From left to right: Sam (Sami) Anema, Bible Teacher Jordan Barrett, Trevor DeJong, Nolan Fackler, and Will Kuiphof.

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Community Night of WORSHIP

Sunday, August 24
6:30 PM

@ South Christian's
Amphitheater

All are welcome to worship and pray blessings on the start of a new year.

Following the worship, at 7:30 PM, we'll host a *Faithfully Forward* Open House. You are welcome to tour the new Inclusive Education, Bible, and English classrooms.

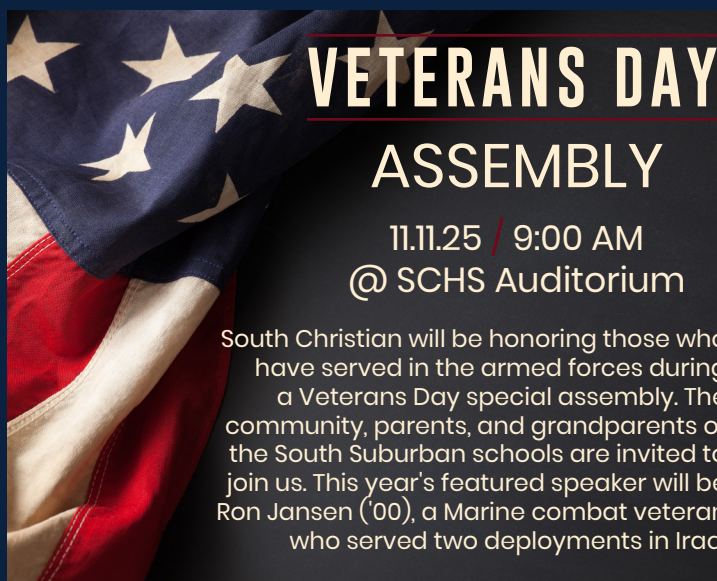
Friday, September 12

5:00–7:00 PM

@ East Kentwood
High School
Falcon Stadium



We welcome all alumni, families, and friends to come together for a night of Sailor Spirit, great food, and community fun.



VETERANS DAY

ASSEMBLY

11.11.25 / 9:00 AM
@ SCHS Auditorium

South Christian will be honoring those who have served in the armed forces during a Veterans Day special assembly. The community, parents, and grandparents of the South Suburban schools are invited to join us. This year's featured speaker will be Ron Jansen ('00), a Marine combat veteran who served two deployments in Iraq.

WELCOME TO THE SUMMER HILITES



The SCHS faithful faculty at the end of the 2025 school year.

It was in 1950 that God planted a vision for a Christian high school on the south side of Kent County. I'm certain that the men and women who were a part of those initial conversations would be blown away by God's faithfulness if they could see that Christian high school today. They might even use the same words Josh Rozema (Class of 2000 and current South Christian teacher) uses in his reflection on page 14: "It exploded!"

Seventy-five years later, God continues to provide at South Christian High School, and this issue of HiLites gives plenty of evidence of his goodness.

- Years of faithful service from retirees
- Wise leadership and governance from board members
- Provision of new faculty and staff to teach and mentor the next generation of students
- Students using their gifts to serve God by serving others

As we celebrate the past and move eagerly into the future, we give thanks and praise for a cloud of witnesses – past, present, and future – who faithfully have stewarded this place in response to God's call. If you or your family has a "South Christian story" of God's faithfulness, we'd love to hear it and share it with others!

In partnership,

Aaron Meckes
Head of School

STAFF Updates

New Staff Members

Anna Alkema - Math Teacher
Tonya Brown - Counseling Office Assistant
Sarah Cupery - Theater Program Director
Jess Hollenbach - Interim Choir Director
Esther Jun - English Teacher
Amy Korringa - Para Pro
Gabrielle (Timmer, '18) Miller - PE/Health Teacher
Andrew Preston - Para Pro
Brittany Troeger - Spanish Teacher
Anna VanElderen ('20) - Science Teacher
Amanda VanHolland - Counselor



SCHS Staff Just Want to Have Fun! Several members of the SCHS staff surprised the students with a choreographed lip-sync during WinterFest.

Retiring Staff Members

JAMIE ALDERINK
19 Years - Foods Teacher

GWEN SIKKEMA
20 Years - Teacher/Study Instructor

GLEN WALSTRA
Internship Mentor



Jamie Alderink's final day with her Foods Class students.



A special memory of Gwen Sikkema and her Sewing Class sharing their skills with some South Suburban School students in 2019.



Retirement Open House

Board Members 2025-2026

Thank you to all who joined us at the annual Society meeting last May. The budget was approved, we heard an encouraging State of the School update from Aaron Meckes, and we introduced four new Board Members: Kevin DeKam, Steve Faber, Missy Haverdink, and Andy Schreuer. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare to keep SCHS firmly focused on our mission.

Thank you to retiring Board Members: Matt Alferink, Erin Haverdink, Stacy Meulenberg, and Brent Miedema. We appreciate your wisdom and leadership the past three years.

Teaching for Transformation

SERVANT WORKING

MAKE A DIFFERENCE MARCH

The 2024-25 school year would have been the graduating year of student Tanner Newhouse. Tanner passed away in March of 2024 after an 18-month battle with brain cancer, and his classmates have worked since then to honor his memory. In the spring, an effort to collect donations for Helen DeVos Children's Hospital - Pediatric Oncology Resource Team (P.O.R.T.) was spearheaded by the Student Council and the Chick-fil-A Leadership Academy in his memory. They brainstormed and proposed multiple money-raising strategies to administration, created posters, wrote announcements, and went classroom to classroom to spread their message to the student body. The fundraiser was named "Make a Difference March," and these servant-hearted students raised over \$1,132.00 to do just that.

Matthew 25:40-45 "The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'"



Mike Wolthuis, John Hendrikse, and Josh Klomp were willing to dye their beards to spur the students' giving.

CHICK-FIL-A LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Students went above and beyond with the Chick-fil-A children's book giveaway. They ended up giving 250 books to students at all of the South Suburban Christian Schools, along with classroom visits to read to the children.



Ethan Schaaf and Joseph Gritter reading to the students at Dutton Christian School.

STREAMS OF HOPE DIAPER DRIVE

5,664 diapers were donated by students for local families. Mrs. Wesseldyke's class won the competition as 26 students donated 2,774 diapers! They were rewarded with a drive in the KCSD Armored Vehicle and lunch with Officer Bylsma at Chick-fil-A.



Mrs. Wesseldyke's math class, before they went out to lunch at Chick-fil-A.

ATHLETIC Updates



BOYS BASKETBALL

The Sailor Boys Basketball Team, led by Coach Taylor Johnson, had another outstanding winter season. The team captured the OK Gold Conference Championship with an impressive 11-1 conference record and went on to claim a District Title. South Christian finished the year with a strong 20-5 overall record. Congratulations to Ike Schrotenboer, Carson Vis, and Davis Kemper, who were all named All-Conference for their exceptional performances on the court.



GIRLS BASKETBALL

The Sailor Girls Basketball Team, under the leadership of second-year Head Coach Erika Brown, had an incredible season, finishing with a 24-3 overall record. The team dominated the OK Gold Conference with an 11-1 record and continued their postseason success by winning both District and Regional Championships. Congratulations to Sophia Prins and Lizzie Wolthuis for being named First Team All-Conference for their outstanding contributions.

BOWLING

The Boys Bowling team, coached by Jeremy Kwekel in his second season, enjoyed a fun and productive winter. The Sailors showed consistent growth and dedication, steadily improving throughout the season. Their hard work paid off with their strongest performance coming at Regionals. The Boys team wrapped up the season with a 4-10 overall record.

HOCKEY

The Hockey Team, a co-op with Byron Center, had another strong season on the ice. The Bulldogs posted an impressive 16-8-3 record and secured a win in Regional play. A big thank you to Coach Steger, the entire coaching staff, and all the athletes for their hard work and dedication throughout the season.

BOYS SWIMMING

The Boys Swimming team, a co-op program with Caledonia and Lowell (CLS), had a strong winter season under the leadership of Coach Todd DeJong. The team showed consistent growth and improvement, with many athletes achieving personal records throughout the season. Their hard work culminated in a great showing at the OK Red Conference Meet.



SAVE THE DATE:

Friday, September 12 - South Christian Homecoming Community Tailgate @ 5:00 PM
Saturday, September 20 - Sports Boosters' Sporting Clay Shoot

Check www.southchristiansports.com for schedules, photos, news, livestream, Sailor Gear, and more! Follow @sailorsports on Instagram.

BASEBALL

The South Christian Baseball Team, led by second-year Head Coach Harris Fondren, put together a solid season, finishing with an 18-16 overall record and a third-place finish in the OK Gold Conference. The Sailors made a strong postseason run, advancing to the District Championship game. Congratulations to All-Conference honorees Luke Spoelma, Davis Kemper, Jamin VanGrouw, and Gabe Jeffries for their leadership and performance throughout the season.

SOFTBALL

Coach Tara Schreur completed her 20th season leading the Sailor Softball program with an impressive spring. The team finished second in a highly competitive OK Gold Conference and posted a strong 23-13 overall record. Their season concluded in a hard-fought District Championship game that went into extra innings. Congratulations to All-Conference players Evie Pylman, Zayda Burke, and Cassidy Fisk for their outstanding performances.

BOYS GOLF

The South Christian Boys Golf Team, led by Coach Mark VanStee, enjoyed a standout spring season. The Sailors went undefeated in OK Gold Conference play, capturing the conference championship. They went on to finish second at Regionals, earning a spot in the Division 2 State Tournament at Bedford Valley in Battle Creek. South Christian delivered a strong performance at the 36-hole event, finishing 4th in the state. Congratulations to Harris Hoekwater, Brody Montsma, Wyatt Sall, Landon Lemmen, and Brody Shilts, who were all named First Team All-Conference in the OK Gold.



BOYS LACROSSE

This spring, the Boys Lacrosse Team continued its co-op partnership with Grand Rapids Christian, finishing the season with a 3-12 record. The team wrapped up their year in Regional play and is focused on continued growth and development. Looking ahead, South Christian plans to launch its own JV team in the spring of 2026. With a vibrant and successful youth program, the future looks bright for Sailor Lacrosse.

GIRLS SOCCER

In his second season as head coach, Joel Vande Kopple led the Sailor Girls Soccer Team through an impressive spring campaign. South Christian captured the OK Gold Conference Championship with an undefeated conference record and finished the season with an outstanding 17-1-3 overall mark. Their only loss came in a hard-fought District Title match. Congratulations to First Team All-Conference honorees Alexa Boersma, Hayden Donker, Olivia In't Hout, Meredith Helmus, and Annaliese Buist for their leadership and impact on the field.



GIRLS TENNIS

Coach Stulp and the Varsity Girls Tennis Team had an outstanding spring season. The Sailors finished with an impressive 12-3 overall record in dual matches and went undefeated (6-0) in OK Gold play to earn the Conference Championship. The team continued their strong play by winning a Regional Championship and placing 14th at the State Meet. Congratulations to All-Conference athletes Gabby Young, Morgan Struck, Savana Michmerhuizen, Danya Hendrickson, and Stella Jelsema for their excellent performances throughout the season.



TRACK AND FIELD

The South Christian Track and Field team had another solid spring. The Sailors had many successes, which included numerous PR's as the season moved along and sent ten athletes to the Individual State Finals. Chloe Rinzema broke her own school record in the 800 with a time of 2:16.51. She also qualified for the Adidas National Track Meet in Greensboro, North Carolina in June. Gabriella Agar, Kate Bruining, Tiffany DeMaagd, Lydia Huisman, Chloe Rinzema, Dan Egler, Trevor Helmholdt, Ezra Miller, Easton Raak, and Caleb Weineke were all named to the All Conference team in the OK Gold.

BOYS CLUB VOLLEYBALL

The South Christian Boys Club Volleyball Team, under the leadership of Coach Mark Rowe, had another outstanding season this spring. The Sailors captured the Conference Championship and advanced to the Regional Finals, showcasing their continued growth and competitiveness. With Boys Volleyball set to become an official MHSAA-sponsored sport in the spring of 2026, the future is full of promise.



DEPARTMENT AWARDS

ART

Mason Ezinga
Avery Koster
Cadence Moes
Leah VanderMeulen

BIBLE

Toria Beute
Wyatt Sall
Audrey Winkle

ENGLISH

Carolina Valkema

ESS – ACHIEVEMENT

Mason Wurm

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY

Kruesie Bulthuis
Austin DeVries
Violet Jansen
Miranda Steendam
Cameryn Veltman

KENT CAREER TECHNICAL CENTER

Rylee Pylman

MATHEMATICS

Caleb Kuipers

MUSIC – BAND AWARD

Isabella Sharp

MUSIC – CHORAL AWARD

Evie Pylman
Isaac Schrotenboer

MUSIC – ORCHESTRA AWARD

Lydia Peterson

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Elijah Balsitis
Hayden Donker

SCIENCE

Caleb Kuipers

SOCIAL STUDIES

Audrey Winkle

SPANISH

Carolina Valkema

TECHNOLOGY

Maggie Koetje



Live a Life Worthy of the Calling

GRADUATION 2025

"I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

Ephesians 4:1-2



MITES STATE CHAMPION



Congratulations to Kruesie Bulthuis, who was awarded Overall State Champion at the Michigan Industrial & Technology Education Society (MITES) annual competition! Kruesie earned top honors for his incredible metalwork piece titled *Texas Longhorn* — an impressive sculpture weighing 90 pounds and spanning nearly 6 feet across.

Kruesie will continue to pursue his passion for metalwork through his job at VanDellen Steel.

SEAL OF BILITERACY



At South Christian, we believe that learning a world language is not just an academic pursuit but a vital way to live out the call to love our neighbors as ourselves. Beginning in the 2024-2025 academic year, Spanish students became eligible to earn a Seal of

Biliteracy from the State of Michigan. Students receiving this honor get a seal to place on their diploma, and it is designated on their South Christian transcript. Being certified as bilingual is an asset that can lead to higher employability, career advancement, and greater salary potential, in addition to an opportunity to serve God in a special way. This year's recipients were Bella Berry, Jaden Knapp, Caleb Kuipers, Kyla Maas, Lydia Peterson, Parker Sterk, and Anneliese VanderLaan.

FINE ARTS Updates

CHOIR CELEBRATES A YEAR OF EXCELLENCE, UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCES, AND COMMUNITY

Under the direction of Ms. Katie DeVries, both the Concert Choir and Women's Choir delivered outstanding performances at this year's State Festival, earning Excellent/Division 1 ratings. Their talent and dedication were on full display at Hope College, where both groups gave their strongest performances. Congratulations to all involved!

The Madrigals, led by Mrs. Holly Baar, shared their music throughout the community during the school year with a number of local performances. One of the year's highlights was the Choir and Madrigals trip to New York City in April. Students made a surprise appearance on the Today Show, sang in Grand Central Station, and performed in iconic venues such as the One World Observatory and St. John the Divine. They also experienced Broadway in full: watching *Wicked*, learning from one of the show's ensemble members and pianists, and enjoying a fun, music-filled meal at Ellen's Stardust Diner. The trip concluded with a meaningful time of worship at Cedar Hill Christian Reformed Church.

The year wrapped up with the annual Spring Concert, featuring beautiful performances by the Concert Choir, Women's Choir, and Madrigals. Several students also performed individual pieces, making the evening especially memorable. A highlight of the night was hearing the voices of the graduating Pylman triplets joined by their father, Brad Pylman, for a heartfelt family performance.



BAND FINISHES THE YEAR ON A HIGH NOTE

The bands, under the direction of Mr. Chad Rozema, wrapped up the year with several strong performances, including the Symphonic Band earning a Division 1 rating once again at the State level—an impressive achievement!

In the spring, the Jazz Band participated in the 21st TAC Jazz Festival in Hastings where they performed for an audience and received a clinic from a professional jazz musician. Congratulations to Grant DeWeerd, Alex Dyk and Jonathan VanWyhe for being selected to be in the All Star Jazz Band during this Festival.

The year concluded with a fantastic Spring Concert, showcasing the talents of the Jazz Band, Concert Band, and Symphonic Band.

Looking ahead, the SC Marching Band will be hard at work this summer preparing their 2025 show, featuring music from *How to Train Your Dragon*. This fall, both the Jazz Band and SC Drumline will return as extracurricular ensembles, continuing to bring energy and excellence to our music program.



ORCHESTRA WRAPS UP THE YEAR WITH HIGH ACCOLADES AND EXCITING GROWTH AHEAD

The SCHS Orchestra, under the direction of Mrs. Ashley Hansen, received a Division 2 rating at the MSBOA District 10 Festival in February. A highlight of their performance was earning a perfect score in sight reading—a remarkable testament to their strong musical skills and their ability to apply those skills beyond the classroom.

In the spring South Christian hosted the second biennial *South String Fling*, welcoming over 200 string musicians from 5th–12th grades across our South Suburban Christian Schools. It was a joyful evening of collaboration and celebration as students performed for one another and their families.

Congratulations to Abigail VanWyngarden, Enoch Wang, Moey VandenHeuvel, and Lydia Peterson for earning a Division 1 rating with their string quartet at the MSBOA State Solo & Ensemble competition!

We also celebrate individual award recipients: Lydia Peterson received the National School Orchestra Award, and Alex Dyk and Dale Pick were honored with the Golden Music Stand Award.

Looking ahead, SCHS will offer both Concert Orchestra and Symphony Orchestra next year. These ensembles will perform throughout the year, participate in the MSBOA District Festival, and have the opportunity to share their gifts through worship at churches, school chapels, and other events.





The Heartwarming and Timeless Musical, *Annie*



The theme of grace in *Annie* beautifully mirrors the biblical truth that God extends unearned love and kindness to His children. Ephesians 2:8-9 reminds us, "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." In *Annie*, the title character does nothing to earn Oliver Warbucks' affection, yet he chooses to adopt her and offer her a new life. In the same way, God graciously adopts believers into His family (Romans 8:15). Annie's journey, from a hopeless orphan to a cherished daughter, reflects the transformation God brings to those who trust in Him, offering a future filled with love, purpose, and security (Jeremiah 29:11).

Some of the talented performers in this production included Moey VandenHeuvel ('26) as Annie, Jordan Bolt ('25) as Oliver Warbucks, Norah Tilchen ('27) as Grace Farrell, Evie Pylman ('25) as Miss Hannigan, Mason Ezinga ('25) as Rooster, and Abigail Kuiper ('27) as Lily.



DEVELOPMENT Updates



Strong Foundations 5K and Kids Fun Run

This past spring, the *Strong Foundations 5K Run/Walk* was held. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of what the foundations of the five South Suburban Christian Schools do for each school - reduce the tuition for all students. It is rewarding to work alongside Byron Center, Dutton, Legacy, and Moline Christian schools to organize the run/walk.

This year, a 1-mile fun run was added for the younger kids. The participants run/walk South Christian's cross country course, which is a welcome change to road running. Several of the schools have Mileage Running Clubs, and these young people relished adding miles to those they already had. It was a wonderful community building event with music,

an awesome announcer, great after-the-run food, and awards.

Plan to join us next spring on Saturday, April 18, 2026. To see photos, participants, and sponsors from this past spring, scan the QR code.



Faithfully Forward: A Vision Becoming Reality

By the time you read this, the new addition to our school will be complete and ready to welcome students through the halls and classrooms. After months of planning, prayer, and construction, we're thrilled to see this beautiful expansion and the opportunities it presents for our students. We invite you to celebrate with us at an Open House on August 24 at 7:30 p.m., immediately following our Night of Worship at 6:30 p.m.

On a financial front, currently over \$7.1 million has been raised. The goal is to close the gap on the \$8.6 million project by the end of the year. We praise God for all he has provided thus far and we look ahead in confidence that he will supply the need. Together, we are building not just a school, but a legacy of faith for generations to come.

7th Annual Women's Golf Outing

This year, in early September, the 7th annual SCHS Women's Golf Outing will be held. The women have an amazing time and laughter abounds on the course. While the 32-team event is sold out, there is still an opportunity for sponsorships and raffle prizes, which would be welcome.



Scan the QR code for event details and sponsorship opportunities.

Tuition Assistance Update

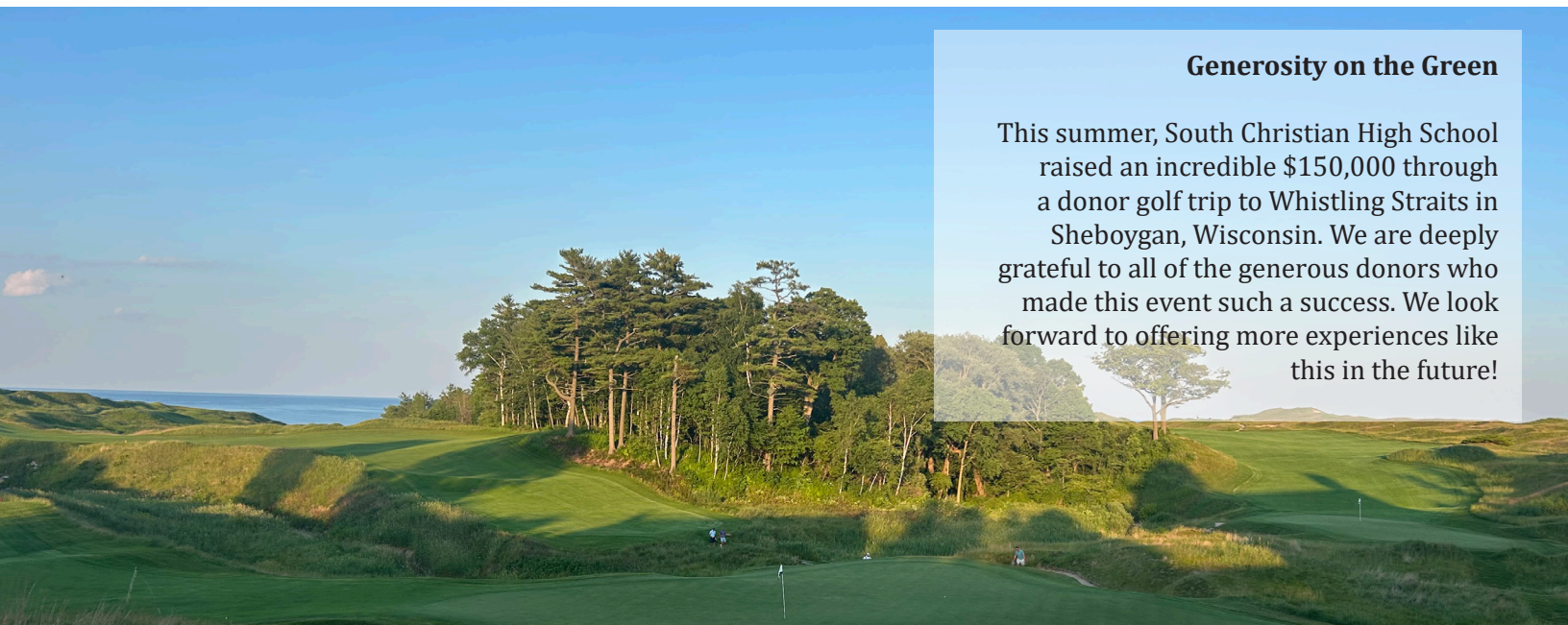
Thank you to everyone who responded so generously to our tuition assistance request this spring. Over \$416,000 was raised to support families in need for the 2025-26 school year.

Your gifts are making a real and lasting difference—helping to ensure that every student has access to a Christ-centered education, regardless of financial circumstances. We are deeply grateful for your support and the impact it has on our school community.

Sandy Dobbs
Development Director



Grandfriends Day



Generosity on the Green

This summer, South Christian High School raised an incredible \$150,000 through a donor golf trip to Whistling Straits in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. We are deeply grateful to all of the generous donors who made this event such a success. We look forward to offering more experiences like this in the future!

Memorial Gifts
Winter/Spring 2025

Dale Brower
Joyce DeYoung
Harley Derks
Scott DeVries

Sue Drenth
Nicholas Grasman
John Grimberg
James Muller

Andrew Swanson
Philip Wiltjer

God is Faithful

"THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN A TRUST MUST PROVE FAITHFUL."
1 CORINTHIANS 4:2

"It exploded," I said to my wife, Kelly, as we peered into our foster son Justin's backpack. We were inspecting the cocktail of dirt, mud, books, and a mangled bean that were the remains of his first-grade take-home project. The students were supposed to take home a bean that was planted in dirt in a Styrofoam cup and take care of it until it sprouted into a bean plant. Lost in translation was the part where cramming it in his backpack with the rest of his books and folders was a bad idea. We inspected the mangled mess and concluded that all hope for this little bean was lost. Justin, however, was determined. He took the mangled mess, scooped it back into the cup, and gave it a little water.

Justin and his brother, Nicky, showed up at our home months earlier in a similar fashion to the mangled bean. Social workers dropped them off late one night with the typical Happy Meal, a garbage bag full of their stuff, and a stack of paperwork detailing why the kids were brought into care. The information in their file was not for the faint of heart. They were bruised, abused, lice-infested, and traumatized. Some of the first appointments we had to make in the upcoming days were with the dentist to fill cavities and pull teeth that were beyond saving. To make matters worse, the goal of foster care is reunification, which means the kids were forced to spend two hours per week with their abuser. They returned from these visits with PTSD-like symptoms. They cried, screamed, had night terrors, and threw emotional fits. It felt like hell was being let loose in my house, which had to be partially true. Only Satan could invent such atrocities being done to kids, and I was a witness to the aftermath.



Foster care is a daunting task. The darkness seems so great that any action we take to help seems pointless. What's the point of my wife rocking a kid to sleep if he's just going to wake up with a nightmare in an hour anyway? What's the point of pouring into these kids if they're just going to get re-damaged soon? It's like watching Justin water his mangled bean project that's probably not going to turn out regardless of his faithful watering.

In a moment of prayer, I asked, "God, how do I solve such large problems?" His answer came through 1 Corinthians 4:2, which reads, "Those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." Not talented, not successful, not intelligent-faithful. Faithfulness is attainable by anyone. In reality, we can't solve most of the world's problems, but we can cling in faithfulness to a God who can. I imagined Justin going to his project and giving his bean a little water day after day. What a picture of faithfulness.

After months of having these boys in our home, we concluded that only God Himself can push back the darkness, and that's exactly what happened! Hell isn't the only thing that was let loose; Heaven can be let loose, too. Kelly and I got to witness the power of the Holy Spirit being let loose one day at a time. Little by little, the nightmares went away. Laughter returned. The boys' biological father returned to their lives with a protective, loving demeanor. The boys' teachers at Dutton Christian provided motherly love at school. God worked in the heart of the judge to place the kids with their father and also stopped requiring visits with the abusive mother. The compounding effect of God's goodness in all these areas was like life-giving water to a mangled bean plant.

One day, we went over to the windowsill with Justin to have a look at his bean plant. "It exploded!" He was elated. This time, it exploded with growth. It was no longer pathetic and mangled. What had been growing under the surface had shot up, healthy and whole.

I don't know your circumstances or your challenges, but I do know that God is faithful. Cling to Him in faithfulness.

Josh Rozema ('00), Math Teacher

Josh, his wife, Kelly (Hekstra, '02), and their family.

In Memoriam

1950s

Henry Grooters ('57) passed away
February 7, 2025.

Phyllis (Wolfert, '58) Miedema
passed away January 9, 2025.

Betty (Spee, '58) Anema passed
away May 13, 2025.

Richard Mulder ('59) passed away
December 20, 2024.

Harley Derks ('59) passed away
May 21, 2025.

1960s

Gerrit Scholten ('60) passed away
December 31, 2024.

Betty (VanderPloeg, '60) Slobe
passed away June 28, 2025.

Sharon Kay Lindhout-Jonker
(Oeverman, '60) passed away
January 17, 2025.

James DeBoer ('61) passed away
December 15, 2024.

Dale Brower ('61) passed away
February 9, 2025.

Marilyn (Apol, '61) Essenburg
passed away May 14, 2025.

Agnes (Spoelhof, '62) Lee passed
away May 27, 2025.

Yvonne VanGoor ('63) passed away
December 29, 2024.

Richard Bolt ('63) passed away
April 28, 2025.

Paul Kramer ('65) passed away
March 19, 2025.

Jo Ann Steenstra ('65) passed away
March 26, 2025.

Robert Derks ('66) passed away
February 13, 2025.

David Oudbier ('68) passed away
January 9, 2025.

Lois (Brown, '69) VanDyke passed
away March 17, 2025.

Ronald Lynema ('69) passed away
June 3, 2025.

1970s

Thomas Westra ('75) passed away
January 11, 2025.

Laura (Hoeksema, '79) Tilma
passed away April 6, 2025.

2000s

Martin Stout ('08) passed away
July 5, 2025.

SCHS Class Reunions

CLASS OF 1956

Friday, September 19, 2025

Russ' Restaurant in Cutlerville

Contact: Marie Faber (rjmlfaber@yahoo.com) or
(616.281.4782)

RSVP: By September 12, 2025, if you haven't done so already.

CLASS OF 1982

Friday, June 12, 2026 - in the evening

The Riverbird (3585 River Hill Dr NW, Grand Rapids, MI
49534)

Contact: Randy & Luanne (Lanting) Ellens
(ellenacres64@gmail.com)

CLASS OF 1975 - 50th Reunion

Saturday, September 13, 2025

4:00 - 8:00 PM

Douglas Walker Park

Contact : David Lanting (dlanting57@gmail.com)

Ron Wierenga (ronwierenga1016@gmail.com)

Lois Elzinga (lois.elzinga@gmail.com)

CLASS OF 1985 - 40th Reunion

Friday, September 12, 2025

6:00 PM

Home of Rex & Sallie Nyenhuis

Join us for a pig roast, bonfire, and friends

Please join the FB Group Class of 1985 for updates.

Contact: Lisa (Walburg) Fennema

(fennema.lisa@gmail.com), Sallie Nyenhuis, or Lisa Haan

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